



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FDA-2016-C-2570]

McCormick & Company, Inc.; Filing of Color Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of petition.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing that we have filed a petition, submitted by McCormick & Company, Inc., proposing that the color additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of spirulina extract to color shell eggs at levels consistent with good manufacturing practice.

DATES: The color additive petition was filed on August 24, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Celeste Johnston, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-265), Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740-3835, 240-402-1282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 721(d)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379e(d)(1)), we are giving notice that we have filed a color additive petition (CAP 6C0306), submitted by McCormick & Company, Inc., c/o Exponent, 1150 Connecticut Ave., NW., suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036. The petition proposes to amend the color additive regulations in § 73.530 (21 CFR 73.530) Spirulina extract to provide for the safe use of spirulina extract prepared by a water extraction and filtration of the dried biomass of Arthrospira platensis to color shell eggs.

We have determined under 21 CFR 25.32(r) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: September 13, 2016.

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Director,

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Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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